

Amateur Radio has on many occasions been "THE ONLY MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS", during and after a natural disaster. According to the detailed technical report by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the proposed BPL would produce substantial amounts of HF interference. This interference has the potential to interfere with HF emergency communications and directly affect life safety for those in hurricane-affected areas trying seek Hurricane Advisories or trying to communicate their conditions or transmitting a distress call.

Amateur Radio is not just a hobby. It is a vital communications tool that has proven through history to save lives, promote international goodwill and increase our own national communications abilities.

When a disaster hits and normal utilities go dead, the Ham Radio Operators, using their low power radios, batteries and wire antennas, will still be able to communicate to the rest of the country and the world.

It would be a real shame if their distress calls were not heard.

Please do NOT approve BPL.

The potential interference may directly affect emergency communications.

Sincerely,
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